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Letter dated 31 March 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In my capacity as the representative of the current Chairman of the African Union, I have the honour to transmit herewith a communiqué on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire, adopted by the Peace and Security Council of the African Union at its 74th meeting, held in Addis Ababa on 29 March 2007 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Communiqué of the 74th meeting of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire

The Peace and Security Council of the African Union, at its 74th meeting held on 29 March 2007, adopted the following decision on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire:

Council,

1. **Recalls** its Communiqué PSC/PR/Comm.2 (LXXIII) adopted on 19 March 2007 in which it decided, among other things, to fully endorse the Ouagadougou Political Agreement of 4 March 2007;

2. **Welcomes** the signing, on 26 March 2007, of the Additional Agreement between President Laurent Gbagbo and Guillaume Soro, Secretary-General of the *Force Nouvelles*, under the aegis of President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso, Current Chairperson of ECOWAS, through which the signatory parties have decided to designate Guillaume Soro as the new Prime Minister. Council further **reiterates its appreciation** of the efforts being deployed by President Blaise Compaoré to facilitate the successful outcome of the peace and reconciliation process in Côte d'Ivoire;

3. **Decides** to endorse the Additional Agreement as well as the designation of Guillaume Soro as Prime Minister;

4. **Commends** the outgoing Prime Minister Charles Konan Banny for his tireless efforts aimed at facilitating the successful outcome of the peace and reconciliation process in Côte d'Ivoire;

5. **Takes note** of the Presidential Statement on Côte d'Ivoire adopted by the United Nations Security Council on 28 March 2007, whereby the Council, taking note of the recommendations of ECOWAS and of the AU, endorsed the Ouagadougou Political Agreement, took note of the parties' agreement on the required institutional arrangements, and expressed its support to the appointment of Guillaume Soro as Prime Minister;

6. **Invites** the United Nations Security Council to endorse this decision and to take all necessary measures, including the adoption of a new resolution, to help the Ivorian parties keep the momentum generated by the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and the Additional Agreement to enable them to successfully conclude the peace and reconciliation process in Côte d'Ivoire, which should lead on to free, open, transparent and democratic elections;

7. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.